

KAISER'S INFANTRY YIELDS GROUND TO FIERCE ATTACKS

PARIS, Nov. 18.—Attacks made by the German infantry while the Kaiser's artillery batteries away at the Allies' front in Belgium have been repulsed, according to an official statement issued here this afternoon.

The official communique follows: "The day of the 17th was similar to preceding one. There were numerous camouflages and some isolated attacks by the infantry of the enemy. They were all repulsed. From the North Sea to the Lys the front was very actively bombarded, particularly at Neuport and to the east and to the south of Ypres.

SOUVENIR BRILLIANT CHARGE. "Near Bisschoote the Zouaves, making a brilliant bayonet charge, captured a wood that had been fought for more than three days by the enemy and ourselves. To the south of Ypres an offensive movement by the enemy's infantry was rolled back by our troops.

The English army has equally maintained its front. "From Arras to the Oise, there is nothing to report. In the region of Craonne our artillery has several times gained the advantage over the enemy's batteries. The bombardment of Rheims continues.

BRITISH FLEET BOMBARDS GERMAN COAST POSITIONS

LONDON, Nov. 18.—British warships have resumed their bombardment of the German positions along the Belgian coast. They are attempting to destroy the German artillery that is shelling Neuport, which has been almost ruined by the rain of shells poured upon it.

Reports received here today declared that the artillery duel between the opposing forces in Belgium is the most terrific in the history of the world. It continues night and day, the gunners being guided at night by searchlights playing upon the enemy's positions.

A dispatch from Sluis, Holland, says: "The Germans occupying Dixmude have suffered heavy losses from the well-directed artillery fire. Neuport has been badly damaged. The church steeple, which provided a fine target for the Germans, has entirely disappeared. The historic Templar Tower outside of Neuport has been destroyed.

Many explosions have been heard along the coast. These are attributed to the activities of British aviators, who are dropping bombs. They demolished a factory at Zeebrugge, where, according to refugees, more German submarines were being constructed.

FRENCH DRIVE ON MEUSE FAILS, BERLIN REPORTS

BERLIN, Nov. 18.—An official report from the General Staff of the German army states that the German troops have been successful against the Allies in the western theatre of war and against the Russians in the east. The report says:

"Fighting continues in western Flanders. The situation is unchanged. In the Argonne forest our attacks continue successfully. A French sortie south of Verdun has been repulsed.

"An attack against our forces which had moved forward to the western bank of the Meuse near St. Mihiel, although originally successful for the enemy, broke down completely later. Our attacks south-east of Cirey compelled the French to surrender some positions. We stormed, and took Chateau Chatillon.

The death of two German generals on the field of battle was announced by the War Office today. General von Lepel, commander of a Reserve Infantry Division, was killed on November 11, and General Alfred von Vroyen was killed on November 12.

General Stenger, head of the 134th Brigade of Infantry, was wounded on November 12. His injuries are serious.

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CZAR AND KAISER LOCKED IN BATTLE ON VISTULA BANKS

From Rheims in the Argonne there is nothing to report. "In the region of St. Mihiel, despite counter attacks by the Germans, we have succeeded in holding the western part of Chauvencourt. In Alsace, battalions of Landwehr, sent to the region of Ste. Marie-Aux-Mines, have been forced to become inactive, having lost half of their forces."

The Germans have been striving to build fresh dykes between Dixmude and Neuport under artillery fire, and at some places, where the inland sea was narrowed by hilly country, they tried to build pontoon bridges, but their efforts were without success, for the soldiers were either killed by artillery fire of the French, or the pontoon boats were smashed by shells or carried away by the current.

ALLIES CHECKED ON FLANK. Unofficial telegrams from the northern sphere dwell in the most optimistic terms on the outlook for the Allies, although they admit that the French and British have lost an enormous number of men. One check seems to have been definitely inflicted upon the Allies. This was the repulse of the Belgian and French force that was trying to fight its way eastward along the coast toward Ostend to get in the rear of the German troops upon the Ostend-Dixmude-Ypres line. Storms have had considerable to do with the cessation of operations in that vicinity.

Fresh French troops of the second line are about to take up positions along the battle front. The Belgian troops, which have been in the field constantly, are being relieved.

The right end of the Russian line is at Radziewie, across the Vistula River at Plock, and its left rests on the Ochla River, southeast of Kutno. There are numerous small lakes and streams in this region and the opposing forces are able to gain only slowly.

The great difficulty for the Russians is after a sanguinary battle in the streets of the town. The Metz Dragons led in the charge that drove the Russians from Kutno, and their commander has been decorated with the Iron Cross.

General Von Korf, Military Governor of Warsaw, was captured by the Germans at Kutno on Monday. He approached the town in an automobile, not knowing that the Germans were in the section. Before he realized that he had fallen into a trap, he was surrounded by German troops and surrendered.

General Von Korf was permitted to keep his sword and was shown every courtesy by the Germans. He was taken to Green, the town in Posen where the Russian prisoners are being held, and given quarters in the finest hotel there. Fighting at present is heavy along the banks of the Vistula, where the German counter-offensive of the last week. The Vistula now separates the two Russian armies, which face the re-organized German centre on two fronts.

The situation in Poland is more favorable for the Kaiser than at any time since the retreat from Warsaw. The latest German victories are such that the advance of the Russians has been rendered more difficult. This success, however, must not be overestimated, for the Russian losses, although severe, do not mean that the Russian movement has entirely disappeared. Considering the enormous numbers of available soldiers, it does not even mean the discontinuation of the Russian offensive.

The great difficulty for the Russians is found on the Vistula, which separates both wings of their army. The Russian army which was beaten near Woziazka, and which apparently came from Warsaw, was driven back in a southerly direction, not in the direction from which it had advanced.

BOER REBELS ROUTED IN TWO-FOLD ATTACK

Beyer's Forces Suffer Severe Defeat at Botha's Hands. CAPETOWN, South Africa, Nov. 18.—An official dispatch from Pretoria reports the defeat of 15,000 Boer rebels, led by General Beyer, in the Hoopstad District of the Orange Free State.

Beyer's forces were attacked by troops of General Botha and Commandant Hold at the same time, and the Boers were routed. The rebels were pursued for 18 miles, but split into small bands and most of them escaped. General Botha's men took 100 prisoners and large quantities of munitions. Only six of General Botha's soldiers were wounded.

BELGRADE BOMBARDED

Artillery at Semlin and Danube Monitors Shell Serb Capital. LONDON, Nov. 18.—Belgrade is being bombarded from the Semlin hills by Austrian artillery and by Austrian monitors in the Danube, according to a dispatch from Budapest.

GERMANS' BIG GUN BURSTS

Kaiser's Soldiers Killed When 42-Centimetre Piece Is Wrecked. PARIS, Nov. 18.—A dispatch from Madrid says that the Pueblo Vasco, of Bilbao, tells of the bursting of another German 42-centimetre mortar, resulting in the death of a number of soldiers.

The Germans are said to be concealing the news of the accident.

WAR MOVES OF DAY SHOW GERMAN CRISIS IN RUSSIA

Most Advantageous Plan of Advance Between Vistula and Warthe Already Checkmated by Russian Plan of Campaign, Declares Expert.

By GRANVILLE FORTESCUE. PETROGRAD, Nov. 18.—Where will Germany make a stand? Indications at present point to its concentration in the vicinity of Stretino, in Posen, nine miles from the Russian Poland border. Reinforcements are being hurried forward from that town to the frontier. Reports tell of military activity in this area as far north as Thorn.

It would seem that the Germans hope to advance with the Vistula on one flank and the Warthe River on the other. The country is higher than the marshland in the interior of Poland and offers better defensive positions.

The possibilities of an offensive movement from this position are well known to the Russian Staff. Already operations to check it are being forward. All signs point to an approaching conflict which will be of the greatest importance to the German campaign in this area.

In East Prussia the Russian movement goes forward without a hitch. The Masurian Lakes, which have been the scene of much fighting recently, are at least the prize of the Russians.

PANIC ALONG BORDER. The Russian advance through the centre of Poland has created panic all along the German border, and a tide of refugees has set in toward Breslau. In that city itself the fiasco of the Polish invasion is a subject of open discussion. Breslau begins to tremble for its own safety.

Once across the border the name of Coesack will spread terror equal to that created by the approach of a Uhlan in Belgium. But the wholesale invasion of this section of Germany cannot be expected immediately.

Russia relies on her preponderance in numbers. Owing to limited railway communication time is necessary to develop this numerical superiority at all salient points. Troops start from every point of the compass, all bound in the same direction. The remotest divisions of the Empire send complements which join the others responding to the call of the Czar.

While the German army has reached its maximum efficiency, and is now on the down grade, that of Russia is only under half power.

HURRY TROOPS TO THORN. Last week the Germans withdrew troops from the East Prussian front and hurried them to Thorn, which was threatened by the rapid Russian advance. This move has been for the moment successful in checking that advance.

Marching along both banks of the Vistula the Germans took refuge at Allenstein, only 20 miles distant from Thorn, and waited there for reinforcements. Soon these began to arrive and moved

SERVIA SENDS ENVOY TO SEEK RUSSIAN AID FOR DEPLETED ARMY

Resistance to Austrians Has Reduced Serb Forces From 300,000 to 100,000. Kaiser's Designs Feared.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 18.—A plea for help from Russia is brought by M. Tasmovitch, special envoy from Serbia, who has arrived here. He declares that Serbia's army has been reduced from 300,000 to 100,000 during the three months' fighting against Austria and that Serbia is in danger of conquest.

The absorption of Serbia by Austria would bring Austria into territorial contact with Bulgaria, Rumania and Greece and expose those countries to an Austro-German attack. The danger of the fulfillment of this step toward the completion of the Hohenzollern plan of extension into the Balkans to Constantinople is recognized here.

Despite the critical situation in the campaign in Poland, Galicia and the Caucasus, it is believed that an effort will be made to take measures to lessen the pressure of the Austrian armies on Serbia, either by sending troops to Serbia's relief or by an invasion of Hungary from the north through Galicia, which will compel the withdrawal of troops from Serbia to meet the invaders.

EMDEN CAPTORS LOST 19. LONDON, Nov. 18.—The casualties on the Australian cruiser Sydney, which destroyed the German cruiser Emden in the Indian Ocean, were four men killed and one officer and 14 men wounded.

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PORTUGUESE AFRICA RAIDED. Lisbon Confirms German Invasion of Angola. LONDON, Nov. 18.—Official confirmation of the German invasion of West Africa, has been received, according to dispatches from Lisbon today.

A skirmish, accompanied by casualties, occurred on October 17 at Quarnito on the Angola frontier. The second German attack was at Quarnito, October 31. Reinforcements have been sent to Angola from the expeditionary force which left Lisbon last month.

VICTORS IN THREE FIELDS, AUSTRIAN REPORT ASSERTS

Check Czar at Cracow and Success in Poland and Serbia. VIENNA, Nov. 18.—The following official statement, given out today by general headquarters, tells of Austrian successes in repulsing the Russian armies before Cracow:

"The Austrians, advancing from Cracow, yesterday took the enemy's first lines of defense north of the frontier. "The Russians were repulsed at Walbrorn, on the Pilzta, and 600 prisoners and two mitrailleuses were captured.

"The Austrians advanced yesterday to the River Kolubara, over which a part of our army has already crossed."

Field Marshal Potiorek reports that the Montenegrin forces have been defeated near Grabova, and also gives the following details of the operations against the Servians in their own territory:

"In the latest fighting against the Servians the Austrians captured 62 guns and 31 machine guns. The Servians are concentrating three divisions in a fortified position south of Belgrade.

"Our troops crossed the Kolubara River into Valjevo, capturing 200 prisoners. Order was quickly restored in Valjevo, which was formerly the Serbian Staff headquarters.

This report indicates an Austrian movement over the Galician-Polish frontier from Cracow, renewed Austrian aggression in Southern Poland in the Ivargorod district, and success against the Servians south of Belgrade.

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